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SUNDAY'S MEETING AT KWANTI

"WOMBAT" ANTICIPATES CLOSE FINISHES

AN INTERESTING AFTERNOON FOR ENTHUSIASTS

There ought to be interesting racing at the Kwanti racecourse to-morrow, when the postponed meeting, which was originally set down for decision on April 3, will be submitted by the Macao Jockey Club.

The first race is timed to start at 2.15 p.m.

The usual transportation facilities will be in evidence and, from all I can gather about the prospects of the day's racing, some fast and close finishes may be anticipated.

SELECTIONS.

1st Race:	Princess Hall.
	White Jade Stag.
	Wembly Stag.
4th Race:	Blue Heaven.
	Gold Bar.
5th Race:	Path Finder.
	Aurora.
	Anniversary Eve.
	Gold Digger.
6th Race:	Pure Music.
	New King.
	Genghis-Khan.
7th Race:	Deverom.
	Alexander Hall.
	Tommy Boy.

BRITISHER IN TROUBLE WITH JAPANESE.

For Going to Rescue of
a Captured Chinese.

ARRESTED BUT SINCE
RELEASED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Shanghai, To-day.

Mr. Faulder, a British schoolmaster of Thomas Hanbury School, was recently detained but subsequently released by Japanese naval authorities in Chapel, because he came to the rescue of a Chinese who was tied up by a naval landing party presumably as he had been caught in the act of looting.

Mr. Faulder unmercifully tried to until the man, so was immediately arrested, but later released upon apologizing.

JAPANESE NOTES TO SETTLEMENT AUTHORITIES.

Assaults on Japanese
Citizens.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, To-day.
The Japanese Consul has sent notes of warning to the International Settlement and French Concession authorities concerning repeated assaults by Chinese mobs upon Japanese civilians, including an attack on a fifty-year-old man who has been so gravely wounded that he is not expected to recover.

The notes urgently request firm measures to be taken to prevent recurrence, and say he views the attacks with unconcealed alarm.

NOTED PHILANTHROPIST
DEAD.

(Reuter's Special Service.)

London, Yesterday.
The death occurred to-day of that noted philanthropist Annie, Viscountess Cowdray.

WOMAN MISSIONARY MURDERED.

In Mission Hall in
Poland.

HORRIFYING SPECTACLE.

Warsaw, Yesterday.
Miss Grace Mott (40), well-known American Protestant missionary, was to-day found dead with her throat cut in the Conference Hall of the Mission here. She came to Poland a year ago with the object of converting Polish Jews to Christianity.

A number of knives were found near the body, which presented a horrifying spectacle.—Reuter.

WAIT UNTIL THE BUS STOPS!

One Fatal Accident
Yesterday.

Two accidents, one of them fatal, were reported to the Police yesterday, both being caused by people stepping off moving motor buses. Yesterday morning, Wan Hee, conductor of a China Motor Bus, reported that an unknown Chinese jumped from the vehicle whilst in motion in Salisbury Road. He fell and, apparently, seriously injured. He was later admitted to the Kowloon Hospital where he died in the afternoon.

In attempting to alight from a Kowloon Motor Bus, before it had stopped, a Chinese woman fell and received injuries to her head and face, necessitating her removal to the Kowloon Hospital.

SIR JOHN SIMON RETURNS
TO GENEVA.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Foreign Secretary Sir John Simon left London to-day for Geneva to resume his duties as Head of the British delegation to the Disarmament Conference. He travelled to Paris by air, in company with the French Ambassador, Monsieur de Fleurian. After lunching in Paris Sir John continued his journey to Geneva by air.—British Wireless Service.

& S.H. and sail for Hong Kong, arriving here on Wednesday, April 20.

NAVAL NOTES.

"Devonshire" for
Amoy.

HIGHLANDERS RETURNING
FROM SHANGAI.

H.M.S. Devonshire has been ordered by the Commander-in-Chief to proceed to Amoy on her way North.

The Commander-in-Chief has been on the sick list with influenza but returned to duty yesterday. He will transfer his flag from the Kent to the Suffolk on Monday, April 18. The Kent will embark the A.

SHANGHAI PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

JAPAN'S VIEWS ON THEIR FAILURE

CHINA RESPONSIBLE?

WILL NOT ADVANCE DEFINITE DATE FOR WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS.

Geneva, Yesterday.
The Japanese delegation also has sent in to Sir Eric Drummond Japan's views on the failure of the Shanghai negotiations, stating that the only difficulty still subsisting is the question of the date of withdrawal of Japanese troops to the Settlement and from the Settlement roads, adding that, owing to the present state of affairs, China was responsible.

The Japanese authorities cannot determine at present to advance a definite date for withdrawal. Nevertheless, the Japanese Government still firmly hopes that an agreement will shortly be reached in Shanghai in view of the efforts of representatives of friendly Powers and the fact that such questions can only be settled by negotiations on the spot.—Reuter.

THE TRANCE MEDIUM CASE.

JOURNALIST'S EVIDENCE.

COUNSEL'S CONTENTION.

(Reuter's Special Service.)

London, Yesterday.

The trance medium case, in which Mrs. Morris is suing the Daily Mail for challenging the genuineness of her manifestations, is drawing to a close.

The journalist, who wrote the article complained of, said he suggested that the breaking of the rope during the talking of the talkie film, was due to the influence of a spirit named Power.

He did this to catch Mrs. Morris and her supporter, Laurence Cowen, and they fell for it.

After a counsel for the Harley Street specialist had been called, Mr. Norman Birkett, K.C., for the defendants, pointed out that the issues were not whether it had been demonstrated there was survival after bodily death, but whether there was genuine.

SENSATIONAL PAYROLL ROBBERY.

At Wing On
Mill.

\$4,000 LOOTED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, To-day.

A sensational payroll robbery has occurred at the Wing On mill in Gordon Road. A clerk had already started to pay out money to the workers, when three armed Chinese drove up to the premises and one man covered the clerk with a revolver while the other seized four thousand dollars and decamped in an automobile. Only one shot was fired and that into the air. The whole affair lasted only a few minutes.

IMPROVING.

The anticyclone and the depression have moved Eastwards, the former being central over the Eastern Sea, and the latter near Tokyo.

Another depression is approaching Shantung from the West.

Local forecast:—N.E. wind, moderate; cloudy; rain; tem-

COMPANY DIRECTORS ARRESTED.

ECHO OF KREUGER AFFAIR.

FALSIFICATION OF ACCOUNTS.

Stockholm, Yesterday.
The directors of Messrs. Lange, Hult and Holm have been arrested on charges arising out of the Kreuger affair.

The directors have been charged with falsifying the Company's balance sheet and profit and loss account, so as to give the impression that the position of their companies was more favourable than in reality was the case. The auditor's report states that irregularities in the Kreuger combine started in 1925.—Reuter.

The charges made against the directors allege that they assisted Kreuger in the commission of criminal acts by the manipulation of accounts, and acted as directors of obscure companies formed with the object of rendering possible fraudulent transfers between the different companies, thus concealing their true positions.—Reuters.

NEW SHAKESPEARE MEMORIAL THEATRE.

Next Saturday's
Arrangements.

"ODE" BY POET LAUREATE.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The new Shakespeare Memorial Theatre in Stratford-on-Avon will be opened on April 23 by the Prince of Wales.

At a luncheon to be held the same day, Shakespeare's immortal memory will be proposed by the veteran Shakespearian actor, Sir Frank Benson. Other speakers being Mr. Stanley Baldwin and the French and American Ambassadors. It is anticipated that all leading countries will be represented.

An "Ode" by the Poet Laureate will be recited at the opening performance in the Theatre, when both parts of "Henry the Fourth" will be given.

The new Theatre is of striking appearance and is specially equipped for play production.—British Wireless Service.

LECTURE.

The Rev. Father Byrne, S.J., will deliver lecture to the Hong Kong University Education Society on Monday, April 18, at 8 p.m. in the Union Assembly Hall. The subject will be "A Lady Doctor opens the Classroom Windows." The lecture is open to the public.

TENDERS.

Various Government departments are calling for the following:—"Tender for repairs to Rescue Tug 'Kau Sing';" "Tender for Nullah Training, Quarry Bay District"; "Tender for Public Bathing Shed on Crown Land at Repulse Bay"; and "Tender for Removal and re-erection of the Fire Sub-station, Wanchai."

Dates of submission and other details may be had from the Gazette.

THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE, 1911.

With reference to the annual list in two parts containing the names of persons authorised by the Governor in Council to perform the duties of an auditor, the following further additions to the list are now published.—R. E. Pearson, F. W. Mackie, W. Laddie and Pearson, Mackie & Co.

It is notified in the Gazette that the name of The Tai Hong Steamship Company Limited has been struck off the Register.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETY

ANNUAL MEETING OF LOCAL BRANCH

PRESIDENT'S STRONG PLEA

PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING AND CO-OPERATION NEEDED.

The first annual meeting of the local branch of the League of Nations' Society was held in the St. John's Cathedral Hall last evening, and was well attended by members.

The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, President, was in the Chair, and the meeting passed a resolution authorising the Committee to cable a message to Geneva assuring it of the whole-hearted support of the local body, particularly in its efforts to deal with the present situation in the Far East.

GENEVA SOLIDLY SUPPORTED.

President's Speech.
The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall said:—

The League of Nations' Society of Hong Kong has completed its first year of activity. As has been shown in the Honorary Secretary's report, some useful work has been accomplished, and the foundation for other activities have been laid during the period. The efforts of the Executive Committee have been principally directed to some of the social questions that have engaged the attention of the League, and to the education of the young in the aims and ideals of the League of Nations.

Thanks to the exertions of our Honorary Secretary, the Rev. N. V. Halward, regular interchange of correspondence has been effected between many boys and girls in Hong Kong, both Chinese and Europeans, and young people in other countries.

There is no doubt that such friendly contacts are the best means of removing international misunderstandings and promoting International goodwill.

The Sino-Japanese Tangle. During the last seven months' events in Manchuria and Shanghai have riveted the attention of the world. For its policy in connection with this unfortunate situation, the League of Nations has been criticised in many quarters. Even some of its supporters, including members of the League of Nations' Union, have expressed doubts as to whether the League has done all it could or should have done. I am afraid that the League has been judged without a proper appreciation of the extraordinary difficulties with which it is faced.

Those who are not members of the League Council can, at best, but possess incomplete information of all that goes on, not only in the seat of trouble, but also in the countries which comprise the League, with their intricate problems and conflicting interests. A writer in the September 1931 issue of the "Headway," the journal of the League Council, puts the position fairly and clearly in these words:—"A distinction must be drawn between what the League might do if it were given the opportunity, and what the nations comprising the League will agree to let it do."

The League's Difficulties. The difficulties confronting the League must, therefore, be tremendous, if not insuperable. In spite of these difficulties, however, I think that the League has at least prevented the trouble from assuming even larger proportions. I do not know what might have happened if there had been no League of Na-

What the League Needs. I think that more than at any other time of its existence, the League needs the unstinted support of the peoples of all nations, and, by virtue of its past achievements, has every right to it. Of these achievements it can show a proud record. In 1921 it saved Europe from a most serious epidemic of typhus which became prevalent in several countries. In 1922 it saved Austria from financial ruin, and two years later, rendered a similar service to Hungary. It was instrumental in

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The WOMAN'S Page

THE ROMANTIC WEST.

"I FOUND PALE ECHOES OF MY IDEAL" AS FIGURED IN DREAMS OF CALIFORNIA

By Mildred Tonge.

New Orleans.

I knew exactly what I expected of the romantic West, and all the way to California I looked for it with ruthless intensity. Even in the endless baked flatnesses of Texas I found pale echoes of my ideal. There, for instance, in Texas backyards were cacti growing among the tangle of weeds and roses; and at the railway crossings were picturesquely dirty Mexican children who stared at us from under fringes of jet-black hair. I tried to ignore the blatantly American modernity

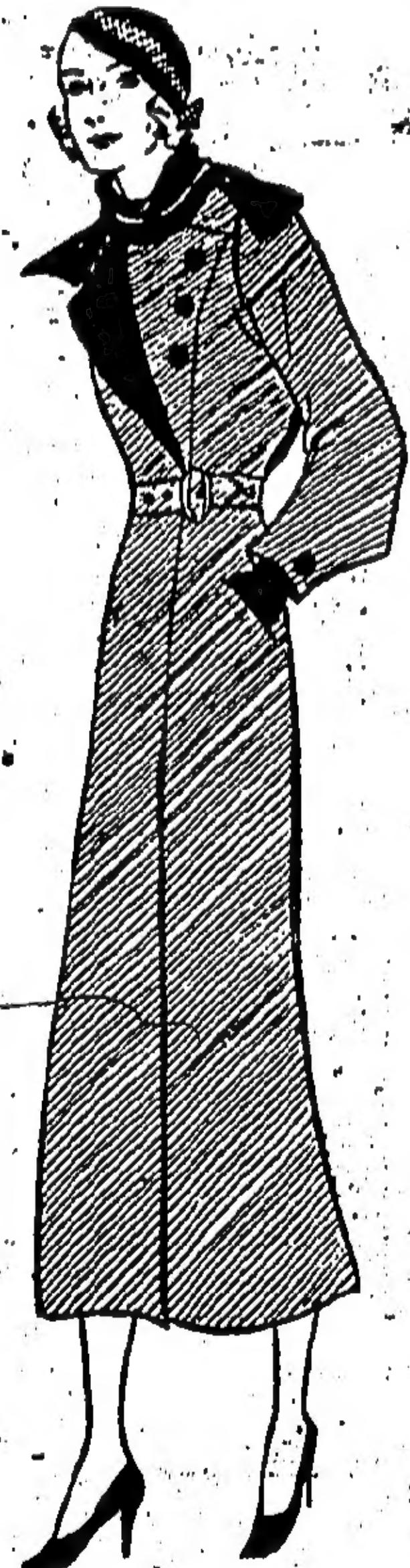
and washing. The Texan's voice rumbled on in indignant defence of his State—it was the biggest State in the Union, it had more autos, more roads, more money, more culture, more university graduates than any other State. I shivered at this vindication of a State that should mean the Wild West, and listened gratefully to the small boy Junior as he explained to me what a coral was. "I'll show you a prairie-dog hole if I see one," he promised generously, and confided that he had never been West before but knew all about it from books. "I'll wake you up if I see a cowboy," he said wistfully as my eyes began

row on the station with souvenirs to sell in the few minutes that the train stopped. Junior bought a bow and arrow and I bought some beads and an Indian doll, and we were turning them over with pride in the train when the brakeman told us the squaws had, of course, bought them from the ten-cent store for the benefit of tourists. As our train pulled out and we had a last glimpse of the women tying up their souvenirs in the coloured shawls and stalking slowly down the Main Street in high-heeled American shoes I clutched desperately at my disappearing ideals of the West.

So when the first day in California itself actually satisfied the visionary gleam I stared about me gratefully. There in actual fact were all the things that California enthusiasts had told me I would find. Warm, green alleys where millions of oranges grew, unbelievably blue sky, snow-capped mountains that were foothills of the Rockies, more groves—walnut this time, then grapefruit, then lemons. The trees that looked like weeping willows or poplars were exotic things, such as pepper and eucalyptus. That incredibly blue sea at the foot of the cliffs where we were driving was the Pacific.

Vaguely I heard my Californian friends telling me the stupendous facts about California. This road along which we were driving was a miracle of modern engineering; it had cost so many million dollars, it was to produce so many millions more. All along this road, they told me proudly, there were—as I saw—building lots, embryo cities that so far had usually only one store, one country-club, one beauty shop, and one boulevard of houses but which would undoubtedly be developed within the next few years. "It's got to come. Look at the climate we have, look at our natural resources, look at all these people living in New York who dream about coming to California to end their days. Why, if you come back here in fifty years you'll find one continuous city all along this coast. Nothing can stop it. There's everything here—best roads in the world, electric power, light, heat, money, all forms of sport. It's a marvellous country. Wait till you see what we've done to the desert!"

but because it had emerged from them into a brisk and efficient present.



I staggered gratefully out of the glare of desert sunshine into the hotel lobby and looked about me. I was in one of America's super-hotels. The hall was in Old English style, with plenty of settees and antlers; the dining-room was Japanese; the lounge beyond was Italian. A reception clerk bowed over us, the hostess smiled toward us. The resources of the hotel were at our disposal, they assured us, and waved

us to the discreet notice-board so that we could glance over the possibilities. Obediently we read the notice-board. Apparently for an adequate number of dollars we could have in the desert the fulfilment of all our desires, which would include, according to the hotel managers, tiled bathrooms and telephone service in our rooms, golfing, swimming, tennis, cooking by a French cuisine, shopping service from the biggest American shops, private-wire brokerage service from the New York Exchange. A cowboy-host would conduct us on moonlight horseback rides over the desert, a college student would take us on picnics to canyons; a staff of entertainers, physicians, secretaries, teachers would cope with any of our needs.

It was in that desert glare of too-much western sunshine that the visionary gleam made its last flicker and died reluctantly. As my hosts drove me back enthusiastically over the desert trail I listened with a dawning understanding to their own idea of the romantic West. They were merely humouring me when they let me look at tourist-littered Spanish missions, at the cowboys advertising a desert rodeo for the benefit of New Yorkers, or at untidy scraps of Mexican villages that were still unsalvaged. What made the hearts of the Californians themselves glow was the perfection of the road surface, the efficiency of the road surface, the efficiency of the irrigation ditches, the evident dollars embodied in the "beautiful homes" of the towns. To them California was Avalon, the Land of Sunshine, the Golden State, the Land where the Rainbow Ends—romantic not because of pale echoes of pioneer and covered-wagon days



of the brisk little towns that stood at intervals along the line, built on a standard pattern of Main Street parallel to the railway, all asserting their efficiency by chain stores, drug stores, and electric signs. It was much more gratifying to look for names like "El Nueva Bazaar," "Alfalfa Mill," "Paloma Blanca," and "Texas Bluebonnet Pool-room."

I tried to ignore the conversation of my fellow-passengers, who were all cracking jests at the expense of the brakeman, the only Texan on the coach. I discovered that Texas is to the American humorist what Wigan is to the English—one—a source of ever-joyful mockery. With growing irritation I concentrated on adobe huts where sulky Indian women stared from among tin cans

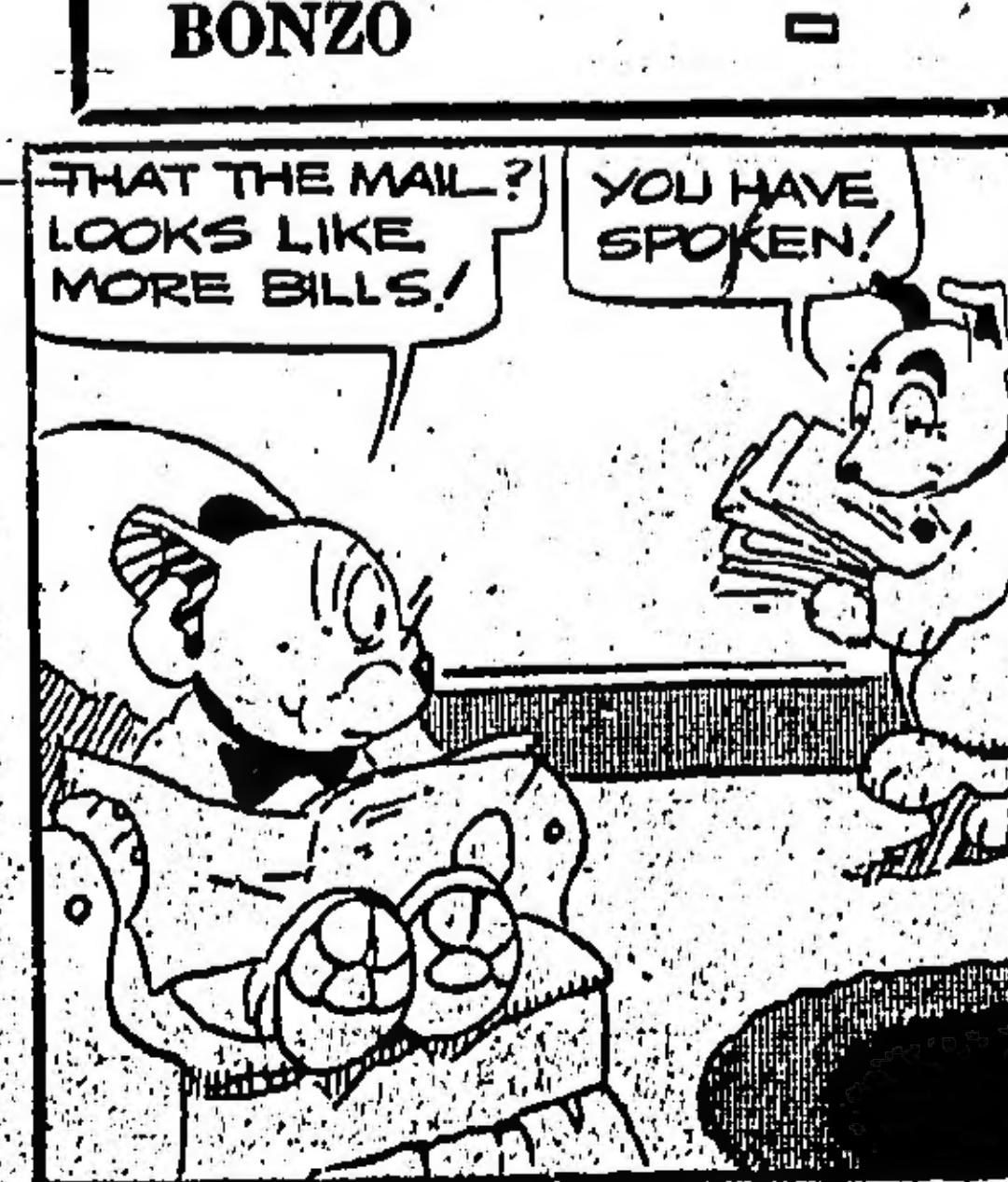
to shut under the hypnotic influence of a thousand miles of vague brown prairie.

The Squaws and the Souvenirs.

Through the afternoon he prodiced me into momentary enthusiasms—at a glittering gill Mexican church and a graveyard decorated with pink paper garlands like those we used to make for May-day processions; at some buzzards hovering over the carcass of a sheep; at the loungers who wore such tilted wide hats and such high-heeled boots that they must have been cowboys, although they piled into battered cars instead of on to horses at the roadside stations. In Arizona we actually saw Indians at one station—six squaws, dressed in barbaric reds and blues squatted in a silent

sixty miles of perfect road that cut through sand desert-holly and sage-brush to a desert resort hotel. "There you see everything that civilisation can do," said my hosts proudly. "And all this had to be brought across the desert by road. There's no railway goes near here. You can't get a room here under twenty dollars."

By George Studdy



HONG KONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

Donations and Subscriptions are now due and can be sent to the Honorary Treasurer, Mrs. Wynne Jones, 161, The Peak.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS' SOCIETY

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scuing, and afterwards establishing, about a million Greek refugees who were displaced from Asia Minor and Eastern Thrace after the Turkish victories over Greece in 1922. Above all, it succeeded in averting at least two wars in Europe, and in settling many international disputes.

Its social activities have been no less important, such as the work it has done in connection with child welfare, traffic in women, slavery, the control of harmful drugs, and the improvement of public health. In all these matters the local Society can be of immense help. What the League requires is public opinion behind it, and this can best be organised by the League Societies.

The Hong Kong Society can contribute its share. It could, however, be more useful if it had a large membership. We have now about 110 members; we require ten times that number. In fact, we want all those who are lovers of peace to join up. Here, in Hong Kong, where the population is cosmopolitan, we are in a specially favourable position to further one of the principal objects of the League by promoting concord and goodwill among the various sections of the community. I am pleased to announce that during the last 24 hours I have secured 19 new members.

Tremendous Tasks.

The League is at this moment faced with two tremendous tasks. One is the Far Eastern question, and the other is the Conference for the Reduction and Limitation of Armaments. If the League ultimately fails in either of these two tasks, I shudder to contemplate the consequences. It is therefore our bounden duty to support the League; it is a duty to the rising generation, as to those who died or suffered in the Great War in order to make this world a better place to live in.

I shall presently submit for your approval a resolution which, if passed, will be transmitted by telegraph to Geneva. The resolution is designed to give expression to our whole-hearted support to the objects and general policy of the League, and to its efforts to restore peace in the Far East. I feel sure that the resolution will receive your unanimous endorsement.

Resigns Presidency.

I wish here to say that while I shall be very pleased to serve in some other capacity, I do not stand for re-election as President. When I was first approached by Major W. G. H. Miles and the Rev. J. C. Knight Anstey to become the first President of the Society, I hesitated to accept the honour, for the reason that the demands made upon my time by public and social duties were already so heavy that I felt I could not give to the office the attention which its importance claimed. It was only on the understanding that I would not be expected to act for more than one term, and that I was not required to preside at the meetings of the Executive Committee that I eventually consented to serve. I do sincerely believe that someone who can devote more time to the office than I can is required.

Proposes Hon. Mr. Shenton.

Fortunately we have in the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, the ideal man for the position, for his inexhaustive energy is only equalled by his unbounded faith in the League. He is a Vice-President of the Society as well as Chairman of the Executive Committee, and has always shown keen and practical interest in all activities of the Society. When the time comes for the election, I shall have great pleasure in submitting his name for the office.

Thanks.

I should like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to all my colleagues on the Society's Council and on the Executive Committee for their ready and close co-operation, especially to the Rev. J. C. Knight Anstey who for about ten months acted as Chairman of the Executive Committee with zeal and ability, to the Hon. Mr. Shenton who succeeded him in that important office, to Mr. Thomas Tam for the time he has given to the Society by acting as its Honorary Treasurer, and to Miss Griffin and the Rev. N. V. Halward for the valuable services they have rendered so incalculably to the Society.

The Resolution.

The League's Conference for the Reduction and Limitation of Armaments will be convened in Geneva in May. The League Societies throughout the world will be represented at the Conference, and the League of Nations' Society will be represented by me.

New Officers.
The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:
President: Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton.
Vice-Presidents: Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, Hon. Dr. S. W. Ts'o, Hon. Mr. J. N. Chau, Professor R. Robertson, Mr. J. M. Alves, and Mr. Okamoto.

Hon. Treasurer: Dr. Y. S. Wan.
Hon. Secretary: Rev. N. V. Halward.

Council: Very Rev. A. Swann, Mr. A. el Arculli, Mr. B. E. Birch, Mr. D. B. Bush, Rev. G. K. Carpenter, Miss N. E. Elliott, Mr. W. C. Felshaw, Mrs. L. Forster, Miss W. I. Griffin, Mrs. Hallifax, Mrs. E. Kirk, Capt. T. T. Laurenson, Mr. R. C. Lee, Rev. Father Macdonald, Mr. D. M. Maynard, Miss B. M. Pope, Rev. E. G. Powell, Dr. Reichelt, Rev. W. W. Rogers, Rev. F. Short, Mr. Thomas Tam, Rev. P. S. F. Ts'o, Dr. K. H. Utley, Mr. B. Wong Tape, and Mr. R. C. H. Lim.

Executive Committee: Rev. G. K. Carpenter, Miss Elliott, Mrs. L. Forster, Mrs. E. Kirk, Capt. T. T. Laurenson, Mr. D. M. Maynard, Miss Pope, Rev. F. Short, Very Rev. A. Swann, Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam, and Mr. R. C. H. Lim.

Dr. Kotewall Thanked.

A member: Before we close the meeting, we should like to express our thanks to the Hon. Mr. Kotewall for his services as President for the past year. We know he is a very busy man, and it is extremely good of him to have given his time to leading this Society in the first year of its existence. We should like to thank him very much for his very excellent speech this afternoon, and for the excellent example he has set in getting members.

If we could follow his example we should then see our numbers greatly increased. (Applause.)

Dr. J. H. Montgomery proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean and the Cathedral Committee for the use of the Hall. In doing so, he remarked his only regret was that it was not full that afternoon, but hoped on a future occasion, if they were again given its use, they would do their very best to fill it up.

Dean Swann, replying, assured the meeting of the solid support of the Cathedral Body. Referring to the cable to be sent to Geneva, he hoped that it had the real support of the public here behind it, for there was a real need of such support.

EASTERN PORTS.

Details of Epidemic Diseases.

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended April 9, issued by the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, gives the following cases:

Plague: Bassin: 4 cases, 3 deaths. Bombay: 6 cases, 5 deaths. Rangoon: 4 cases, 4 deaths.

Cholera: Calcutta: 53 cases, 25 deaths. Pnom-Penh: 1 death.

Small-Pox: Suez: 1 case. Baerah: 1 case.

Bombay: 7 cases, 2 deaths.

Calcutta: 38 cases, 30 deaths.

Cochin: 1 case.

Karachi: 6 cases, 2 deaths.

Madras: 15 cases, 4 deaths.

Moulmein: 1 case.

Rangoon: 116 cases, 32 deaths.

Pondicherry: 3 cases, 2 deaths.

Saigon: 23 cases, 20 deaths.

Amoy: 7 cases, 4 deaths.

Canton: 24 cases.

Shanghai: 22 cases, 7 deaths.

Dairen: 7 cases, 2 deaths.

Cerebro-Spinal Fever: Macao: 44 cases, 94 deaths.

A BIRRELLISM.

Some day, perhaps, an industrious anthropologist will give us a collection of "Birrellisms," (writes Peterrough in the Daily Telegraph). They would probably constitute one of the most enduring claims to remembrance of Mr. Augustine Birrell, who was 82 last January.

One of his neatest sallies was scored at the expense of Lord Darling before whom he was pleading in a libel suit. "If you are going to number a man amongst us, you've got to imagine him," he pleaded. "I don't know where we shall find a man who hasn't."

The meeting unanimously voted the Reports of the Hon. Secretary and of the Hon. Treasurer. The Hon. Mr. Shenton seconded the resolution which was carried unanimously.

The Resolutions.

The League's Conference for the Reduction and Limitation of Armaments will be convened in Geneva in May.

ROUND HONG KONG'S CINEMA THEATRES

OFFICIAL SOURCES.

REAL FONDNESS FOR SCREEN ROLES.

Helen Twelvetrees, starring in the picture, "A Woman of Experience," showing at the Central Theatre to-day, has often remarked that she has been very fortunate in the type of roles she has had to portray. She developed a real fondness for the character Frankie in "Her Man," and Millie in the picture of the same name. "Both girls," she said, "Were definite characters whom I felt I had to study and understand thoroughly. There was a richness about them that is quite lacking in sweet ingenue roles." My lucky star was still with me when I was given a chance to do Elsa in "A Woman of Experience." Here was a woman with personality and character. A woman with a past, disappointed in love, disillusioned by men, who could still fall in love. This role was one that I thought was really worth working for."

The story briefly is this:—Elsa finds herself the centre of a political intrigue in Vienna. Under government orders she must pretend an attachment with a man she dislikes in order to obtain valuable information which he alone can impart.

At the same time a young officer falls in love with her, and she with him. The conflict between her real love and her pretended love, linked up with her rather shady past, furnishes the material for this absorbing picture.

The film was adapted from John Farrow's play, "The Registered Woman," by John Farrow himself. Harry Joe Brown, associate producer at the RKO Pathé studio, directed the picture.

The supporting cast includes William Bakewell, Lew Cody, Zasu Pitts, H. B. Warner, C. Henry Gordon, Franklin Pangborn, Nance O'Neil and George Fawcett.

PHONEY OCCULT SCENES.

No more serious than usual, Eddie Cantor uses the bland nonsense of his newest picture, "Palmy Days," which Samuel Goldwyn is presenting at the King's Theatre to-day, as an attack on the practice of spiritualism and fortune telling. In "Palmy Days," Eddie Cantor appears as the unwilling assistant to a gang of take mystics, through which is revealed some of the crooked tactics of the graft that annually is said to mulct the American public out of \$125,000,000. The phoney occult scenes of "Palmy Days" supplant the wild and woolly monkey-shines of "Whoopie" as a background for Cantor.

To get detail and experience and atmosphere for the picture, Eddie visited numerous fortune tellers in New York, Los Angeles and other cities.

Cantor believes that the new popularity of the different forms of fortune telling is due to the wide dissemination given nowadays to genuine scientific knowledge.

People knowing nothing of science "look upon each new discovery as another miracle," Eddie claims.

"They know that the radio can hurl a voice mysteriously through the air and catch it by a mechanical device. Then why can't your voice carry to the Great Beyond, they ask? Einstein is a wizard for his fourth dimensional hypothesis. Haven't spiritualists dealt with a fourth dimension?"

A BARRYMORE DRAMA.

Lionel, eldest of the three famous Barrymores, adds another splendid characterization to a lifetime of distinguished acting with his portrayal in "The Man I Killed," Paramount feature picture, which is coming to the King's Theatre to-morrow. In this story, based on the play by Maurice Rostand, famous French playwright and author, Barrymore essays the role of a middle-aged German parent who, although the War has been past history for a decade, is still a bitter nationalistic partisan. Violent in his accusations against the French, he inspires his entire community, a small town in post-war Germany, to subscribe to the Nazi party.

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Overland China Mail.

A WHOLE WEEK'S NEWSPAPERS IN ONE.

Latest news, concerning the Sino-Japanese hostilities, is furnished in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

The death occurred at the Canessa Hospital, Peak Road, on April 7, of Mr. M. Manuk, an old resident of the Colony and well-known business man, being Secretary and Director of the Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd., and Director of the Hong Kong Brewers & Distillers, Ltd., of Messrs. Wm. Powell, Ltd., of Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., the Local Printing Press, as well as Secretary of the Hong Kong and Canton Ice Manufacturing Co., Ltd. A full report of the deceased's career is given in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

Mrs. Bird, a visitor to Hong Kong, residing at the Repulse Bay Hotel, was the victim of a daring handbag snatching incident in Queen's Road West, on April 6. The bag contained \$1,500 in cash, besides Jewellery, which brought the total amount close on to \$2,000. The story is contained in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

Starting the day by winning the first race on Mr. Chan Tin-sun's record-breaker, Woodland Stag, and, incidentally clipping 6.2/5 seconds from City of Melbourne's record for the seven furlongs for Australian ponies, Mr. Leo Frost registered a remarkable sequence of successes at the Third Extra Race meeting at Happy Valley on April 9. He concluded the day's programme with five firsts, a second (dead heat) and a third, being placed only in two events.

There was a brisk tone about the dividends, two winning prices being three-figure dividends. A detailed report of the meeting is given in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

The Retirement Commission, of which Mr. M. J. Breen was Chairman, and of which Mr. J. J. Patterson, Mr. J. Scott Harston and Mr. W. N. T. Tam were members reported on the results of their extensive inquiries to the Government of Hong Kong. Their recommendations are chronicled in instalments in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

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The China Mail.

Hong Kong, Saturday, April 16, 1932.

Our Antediluvian Prisons?

The Breen Commission, better known, perhaps, as the Retrenchment Commission, the lengthy findings of which, together with Government's commentary, have been appearing in instalments in the China Mail this week, in reporting on the Prison Department, made recommendations for the reduction of prison staff and "reported to Government their views on the necessity of building a new gaol." For reasons which, frankly, we do not appreciate, Government has not reproduced these "views" in commenting, however, upon the observations of the Commission in this respect Government states:

"The site for the gaol has been decided upon on the advice of a Committee specially appointed for the purpose. To reopen the question now would only lead to further delay. It is hoped to commence the building next year."

Next year is a long way off, and the time, when "it is hoped to commence building" is indefinite. It may be anything between eight to eighteen months from to-day. In view of this, and in view of the fact, that the Commission regarded the existing plans in need of thorough revision "in the light of modern prison construction," also in view of the additional fact, that Government had found it necessary to instruct the Director of Public Works and the Superintendent of Prisons, in accordance with the Commission's recommendations, it seems to us that some useful purpose may have been served, if the Commission's report, on the building of a new gaol, and its recommendations of building a gaol in the light of modern prison construction, had been published. It is now not to be expected, perhaps, that Government will see its way to go back on what it has already said. But the public has a perfect right to have an assurance from the Government that the new gaol will be built in the light of modern prison construction, so that of Hong Kong.

Kong's modern prison it may be said, as at present it cannot be said of its antediluvian prisons, that it will serve the purpose of a prison and not a pound from which it is easy, apparently, to escape.

In the words of Oscar Wilde—"All that we know, who be in gaol,

Is that the wall is strong."

Again, in the matter of staff, if our prisons are overstuffed, as the Commission holds, and with which finding the Government agrees—it has approved of the reduction of the European staff by ten—then, in connection with the escapes from our prisons, which are becoming, as it were, a characteristic feature of them, it seems to us that the time has come when the public should be acquainted of the steps that have been taken to render escapes from our prisons not easy of accomplishment. Also, whether these many escapes have been traced to negligence on the part of prison staffs, or whether they are regarded as being due to the inadequate types of our present prisons. Inadequate from the point of view of construction. If negligence on the part of our prison staffs is responsible for these escapes, what disciplinary action, if any, has been taken? These are matters which ought not to be concealed from the public any longer, and we hope that Government will take an early opportunity of making a statement on the subject.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Lieutenant James Francis Wright, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, to be one of his Honorary Aides-de-Camp, during the absence on leave of Lieutenant Harry Owen Hughes, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from April 12, 1932.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:
Bridgewater—East wall.
Bruce—West wall.
Cornwall—West wall.
Cumberland—North arm.
Hermes—No. 1 buoy.
Keppel—No. 7 buoy.
Marazion—South wall.
Medway and submarines—No. 2 buoy.

Moorhen—South wall.
Orpheus—East wall.
Parthian—No. 10 buoy.
Seahorse—East wall.
Tamar—Basin.

Veteran—South wall.
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Whitehall—In dock.

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Wild Swan—North arm.

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Foreign Men-of-War.

Argus—French river gunboat.

Canopus—American submarine tender.

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News in Brief.

As a precaution against the spread of meningitis, the concert arranged to take place in the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, on Tuesday, has been postponed.

At the Kowloon Police Court yesterday afternoon, Chan Chee-wah, a constable, was sentenced to three months' hard labour, with an additional fine of \$10 or 14 days, on charges of theft of clothing, giving a false name when pawning, and misconduct as a police officer.

The third general meeting of the Hong Kong University Engineering Society will be held on Friday, April 22, at 8.30 p.m. in Room X, Hong Kong University. The presidential address entitled "Bridge Foundations" will be delivered by Mr. A. H. Fenwick, B.Sc., F.R.M.C.E. "Tea will be served after the meeting. All interested are welcome."

It is notified in the Gazette that the name of The Yee Wo Restaurant Limited, has been struck off the Register.

A Chinese was yesterday sent to the Government Hospital, suffering from cuts to the head, caused by being knocked down by a Private motor car, which was being driven, at the time, in Upper Albert Road, by Miss Zimmer.

Captain Fleetwood, R.A., yesterday sent his brown and white dog to Kennedy Town for observation, as it had bitten Gunner More at Lyemun Barracks. Gunner More received treatment at the Military Hospital, Bowen Road.

Anzac Day, April 25, the 17th anniversary of the landing of Australian and New Zealand Forces at Gallipoli, will be observed this year by Australians and New Zealanders resident in the Colony. In the morning there will be a wreath-laying ceremony at the Cenotaph, and a dinner has been arranged for the evening. Over 50 persons have already signified their intention of attending.

Personal Pairs.

His Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to direct that the name of Mr. Hugh Frederick Charles Colman be added to the List of Authorized Architects.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. Marcus Theodore Johnson to be a Member of the Harbour Advisory Committee, vice the Honourable Mr. Charles Gordon Stewart Mackie, resigned, with effect from April 13, 1932.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the Honourable Mr. William Henry Bell to be a Member of the Authorized Architects' Consulting Committee during the absence on leave of the Honourable Mr. Charles Gordon Stewart Mackie or until further notice.

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GANGSTER'S "SQUEAL" BEFORE EXECUTION.

Respite Granted When He Reveals Secrets.

Ossining (New York), March 18.

A Brooklyn gangster, who was to have been executed in Sing Sing Prison last night, gained a respite by breaking gangland's jealousy observed code of silence.

Evidently terror-stricken by the nearness of the ordeal, the man talked freely to the officials.

He gave them details of half a dozen unsolved murders. The information was considered of such importance that it was decided at the last moment to postpone the execution. "Come back next week and I'll tell you more," said the condemned gangster, as he left the State Attorney's office.

ONLY A LODGING HOUSE KEEPER

BUT AN ODE HAD BEEN
WRITTEN FOR HER.

Mrs. Mulger.

By Lord Dunsany.

Her mother had been a lodger before her. And now, in the same northern town, she too a widow now as her mother had been, and time still flying. Not that she thought of time as still flying; rather it seemed to have flown while she was not watching. For she was far on in the forties now, so it must have flown, looking at it that way. And yet with Spring coming on, and two young men from the University her lodgers, sitting at that table of theirs talking poetry, time mightn't have moved at all.

She had come into the sitting room to see after her goldfish, and there they were talking away. And it might have been thirty years ago, which only seemed like yesterday, when her mother's young lodger had talked the very same stuff to her. She couldn't help stopping a while to listen to them after she had fed her goldfish: it brought the years back so. No sense in it, any more than there had been in the talk of that other young man so long ago, but the same fervour, the same overwhelming certainty about something, whatever it was, as there is in the blackbird's voice in early April, when he seems so certain of spring.

So she stood still, smiling slightly, and listened as they talked to each other. Poetry as usual. And the curious thing about it was that though she could not understand a word of what they were saying, yet not a phrase was new to her. Sometimes she almost thought she could have completed their sentences for them. And then from the curious phrases one of them began to quote lines from an old poem. They were praising it with their queer words, lavishing praises upon it.

"I am afraid we are talking poetry, Mrs. Mulger," said one of them. "Never mind, sir," she answered. "It doesn't do any harm." Nor did it, if one kept away from it. Curiously enough, she might once have married a young man that wrote poetry, wrote it himself, that lodger of her mother's, a University student and all; but she would have stopped it. Never mind whether there was any sense in it or not; let them talk, and let the birds sing. So she ended up with: "It's a nice poem, I'm sure." But that ode had been written to her.—Manchester Guardian.

THE "CHINA MAIL" OBSERVES

- That, according to a newspaper poster this week, "Bandits Hold up a Train."—Who is the bride at this bandit marriage?
- That it can be said of our prisons—Stone walls do not a prison make nor iron bars a cage.
- That the Soochow Creek did not break when, under the cover of night, the 88th Division advanced.
- That when "Britain Pays Up"—"All the World Admires."
- That the squatters if they persist in squatting are likely to be squashed.
- That "Nugget" will be an appropriate name for "Gold Mine's" offspring.

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A Working Girl Who Was Disillusioned.

China Mail Reviews.

"The Indian Horizon" by The Maharaja of Burdwan (Ernest Benn, 3/6 net). It is devoted to sport, but a survey of current events, embracing every sphere of life the world over, which provides interesting reading, is also given.—W.

BERNARD SHAW'S NEW BOOK

While in South Africa recently Mr. Shaw has been engaged on a story which, he says, deals with an African native girl's search for God in a forest. During her wanderings, the girl meets Jesus and Mahomet and several pagan gods, and modern scientific authorities, including the Russian saint Pavlova.

WHITAKER'S ALMANACK

That indispensable companion of home and office, has reached its sixty-fourth year of issue (6s.). The important events that have occurred since the last issue—the formation of the National Government, the General Election, the dropping of the Gold Standard, the Census, and so on—are fully dealt with. The summary of the past year in other respects is complete and concise, and one may find in a moment information on a thousand and one subjects.

Another valuable reference book—especially for those whose work is concerned with literature and art in their various forms—is *The Writers' and Artists' Year Book*, 1932 (Black, 3s. 6d.). There are lists of periodicals and their requirements, British, Colonial, and American publishers, literary and art agents; articles on Copyright, Free-lance Journalism, Writing for the Juvenile and Technical Markets, "Play Writing and Play Selling" (by Mr. A. A. Milne); and much useful advice on other matters affecting authors.

BUYING BOOKS.

Why is that most people think half a dozen times before buying a book? Isn't it rather a show-down of our respective valuations of the importance of gratifying our physical and intellectual tastes? How many people would go without some purely physical gratification in order to possess a book—and if, as educated people would probably admit, books are among the most worthwhile things on this earth, surely they are worth some sacrifice?

How many houses do we all enter that contain scarcely a decent book, provision in other words for mental food? Do you ever find one without anything in the way of a kitchen or larder?

Was there ever a more noble or worthy cause? Any man or woman of good will the world over who considers that the comparatively small place that books occupy in the life of the people is a thing of which to be ashamed, can help the movement. We are working—and that without ceasing—in our corner of the world to assure to the things of the mind their rightful position.—Stanley Unwin.

THE HONG KONG WOMEN'S GUILD AND CHILDREN'S LEAGUE.

BRIDGE—MAHJONG AND TEA DANCE PARTY.

Held at the Hong Kong Hotel March 8 1932. The gross profits of the Party amounted to \$1,223.30—Expenses were \$297.90 leaving a balance of \$925.40 to the divided between Victoria and Kowloon Branches.

The most grateful thanks of the Committee are due to Lady Peel for presenting the Prizes. Mr. J. H. Taggart for so kindly placing the Roof Garden, Grill Room and Lounge of the Hong Kong Hotel at the disposal of the Committee. The Hon. Mr. J. P. Braza and Mr. H. Lo for running the Bridge and Mahjong. Mr. Ho Loun for being Hon.

HOSPITAL GATHERING.

Annual Presentation at G.C.H.

At the Government Civil Hospital yesterday afternoon the annual presentation of certificates to the graduating nurses and dressers who have just completed a four years' course of training was made, in the presence of a large gathering.

Mrs. Wellington, wife of the Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington, distributed the certificates. Among the recipients were seven nurses, Misses I. Soong, M. Lok, G. Mak, N. Lam, D. Wong, S. Brown and J. Lau, also two dressers, Messrs. Chan Sui-wan and Shun Kwok-fai. Among the officials of the Government Civil Hospital and other doctors present were noted Dr. R. E. Tottenham, Dr. I. Newton, Prof. W. I. Gerrard, Dr. G. H. Thomas, Dr. Bau Tsu-zung and Miss E. A. Girling (principal matron) and Miss M. J. Wilson. The guests were entertained to tea, later.

WOMAN MAY BE A LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

"If You Can't Get A Man Get The Next Best Thing."

In view of the grave difficulty that is being experienced in securing a Lieutenant-Governor for Ontario, it is suggested that the problem be settled by appointing a woman.

No one in particular is mentioned, but it is said that there are several who possess the necessary intellectual, social and material equipment for the position.

The difficulty of filling the position is due mainly to the cost entailed. Some support is being given to the idea of either readjusting the pay of Lieutenant-Governors, which is considered most inopportune at the moment, or preferably adding their formal functions to the duties of provincial chief justices.

SHANGHAI STOCKS.

Quotations of the following Shanghai Stocks were received locally by cable to-day:

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American Asiatic Underwriters	25.00
American Oriental Finance Co.	23.00
Asia Realty "Bearer"	24.25

CENTRAL BRITISH ASSOCIATION.

Owing to the success of the dance held on March 30, the Committee has decided to hold another Flannel Dance for members and their friends in the School Hall on Wednesday, May 4, 1932, commencing at 8.30 p.m. It is hoped that all members will again give their support. Tickets may be had from Committee Members. Admission—\$1.50 (including partner and refreshments).

Shanghai Letter.

HEAVEN-SENT CHANCE FOR OUR CHINESE FRIENDS

THE RE-BUILDING OF CHAPEI.

A Peep Into the Future and What May Be Made of It.

Our Own Correspondent.

Shanghai, April 11. While the diplomats, admirals and generals are wrangling at the conference table and splitting hairs over the niceties of the proposed Japanese withdrawal from the Shanghai area, there is another kind of battle going on behind the scenes which have nothing to do with the movements of military or naval forces. Wit is being matched against wit in the realm of business no less than in that of diplomacy and warfare. Hard-headed business men, endowed with a breadth of vision, are not slow to appreciate that the present diplomatic impasse is bound, sooner or later, to come to an end; and when it does, the manipulators of "big business" will have to bestir themselves to the end that they shall duly benefit by that trade, "boom" which is confidently expected to come in the wake of the troubles that have beset this region of Asia.

A Chance for City Planning. Those in the know who are in the inner circles of the property market have latterly been intrigued by intensive activities of a group of Japanese financiers who have been looking over the Chapel realty field and are known to be endeavouring to purchase parcels of land advantageously located in areas contiguous to Settlement territory. The greatest difficulty they are encountering is the opposition of Chinese property owners to dispose of their holdings to Japanese on patriotic grounds after all that has happened. A similar difficulty is being met with in Palestine by Jewish business interests who are checkmated in their desire to acquire Arab estates by the intensive propaganda conducted by anti-Semitic Arab circles in order to overawe the effendi from disposing of their property to Jews at any price. The point of analogy with China is almost complete, because in both countries there is an admixture of business and politics which is as a thorn in the flesh of those eager to bring about industrial development.

Dream of Architects. The anxiety of Japanese business men to buy land in Chapel is in no sense inexplicable when account is taken of the limitless possibilities of the New Chapel. For years past, Chapel has been regarded as a blot on the landscape, with its beggars' huts, tortuous streets, unhygienic conditions and a water supply that has more than once proved a veritable death trap to Shanghai residents. Chapel has suffered grievously by comparison with the International Settlement of Shanghai and the French Concession. To go from the foreign areas to Chapel has been synonymous with a transformation as complete as that which occurs when a man goes from Asia to Europe. Chinese political agitators, when clamouring for the abrogation of extra-territoriality, have been sternly rebuked by foreigners and counselled to put their own house in order in neighbouring territory before seeking to assume jurisdiction over the alien within their gates. They have constantly been advised to make something of Chapel before asking for the foreign Settlement to be presented to them on a silver platter, so to speak. Well, our

A Rare Opportunity. The chance that is now afforded to our Chinese friends is an opportunity that comes but rarely to a great city. It came to London in 1666 and was missed, in spite of the efforts of one of England's greatest architects, and subsequent generations have been paying ever since for their ancestors' sad want of vision, just as Shanghaians today have cause to bemoan the short-sightedness of their forbears in the matter of the width of the streets, which now have to carry an increasing load of vehicular traffic of the fast moving type where, before, there were only the pony trap, the wheelbarrow and the hand cart. The same chance came to Tokyo in 1924 and was seized, and Tokyo today stands as a mute, but eloquent, witness to her rulers' wisdom on that occasion. Will China follow the example of the 17th century or of the 20th? Will every small property owner be allowed to return and rebuild as his pocket and sweet will direct him? In that case the last state of Chapel may well be worse than the first. Or, will authority step in to insist on its being made the model area if might be made? A co-ordinated scheme of town planning will, of course, mean much time, thought, and money. But it will be fully worth the effort. It will give the Chinese officials and merchants an opportunity to demonstrate that it is not alone the foreigner who is possessed of civic pride and municipal genius. If the right course is pursued, it will keep the architecture of Shanghai busy for the next five years, as they have never been busy before.

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The football kindly presented by Mr. Tang Shiu-kin was put up to auction by Mr. R. E. Lindsell before the Prize giving and realized the sum of \$155. The lucky owner is Mr. Chan Lin-pak. At the close of the proceedings Lady Peel on behalf of the Committee presented to Mrs. B. T. Creasy M.B.E. President of the Geof. Falconer & Co. for putting in the Prizes for Bridge and Mahjong. Mr. Ho Loun for being Hon.

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Monday, April 18.
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Wednesday, April 20.
Calcutta and Straits Sirchana
Europe via Suez (Letters & Papers, London, March 24, and Parcels, March 17) Chitral
Manila Empress of Russia
Thursday, April 21.
Australia and Manila Kitano Maru
Friday, April 22.
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Japan Rio de Janeiro Maru
Japan Kamo Maru
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai (Seattle, April 2) President Taft

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SATURDAY, APRIL 16.
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Sunday, April 17.
Manila Asama Maru 9 a.m.
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Manila President Jackson 4.30 p.m.
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PROBLEM OF COMMERCIAL IMPORTANCE.

Exhaust Pipes.

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The problem is, therefore, of the first commercial importance, and although there is little to complain of in most motor passenger liners, an improvement might, with advantage, be effected, so far as machinery noise is concerned, on some of them, particularly where gearing is employed. In certain cases the exhaust noise is a little disturbing on the upper deck, even though it is only heard by passengers when promenading, and not in their cabins. In view of recent developments, and the employment of high-powered Diesel machinery in relatively small passenger ships involving the arrangement of cabins around the engine casing, the problem has added importance, and calls for scientific investigation, so that, just as the difficulties

arising through vibration have been overcome, any objections on account of noise may be eliminated.

We believe that exhaust noise could be prevented in many ships more completely than it has been by the builders and owners to go a little more closely into the matter.

It would seem that the growing utilisation of exhaust gas boilers,

in motor ships will be a favourable influence, for vessels so pro-

vided, in most instances, give bet-

ter results from the standpoint of quietness of exhaust than those in which the engines exhaust direct into silencers and thence into the atmosphere.

The use of insulation for machinery noise was dealt with last month in a paper by Dr. E. G.

Richardson before the North-east Coast Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders, and he gave in-

stances of the methods employed on some large motor passenger

ships. He showed that the noise in way of insulated spaces was only one-fifth of that when un-

insulated, and there is no doubt that in certain cases the use of in-

sulation is desirable. It may even

be advantageous in an engine-

room, and, for instance, the noise of rotary blowers is greatly

diminished by lagging.

The problem naturally arises equally with turbine ships where

the hum of gearing can be dis-

tressing, and passenger liner own-

ers may often find that the rela-

tively small additional cost of in-

sulating certain sections of the ac-

commodation may be warranted,

in that a larger number of passen-

gers will be attracted to the ship.

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Phasianella, British str., 1,859 tons, Capt. P. R. Gay Cumming, from Swatow, West Point Wharf—A.P.C.
Yasukuni Maru, Japanese str., 7,157 tons, Captain Segawa, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf, N.Y.K.
Friday, April 15.
Benlawers, British str., 3,755 tons, Capt. Alex Webster, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf—G. Livingston & Co.
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Granville, Panama str., 3,507 tons, Capt. O. Kaldager, from Shanghai, buoy No. A7—Bank Fung Loong.
Hong Hwa, British str., 1,924 tons, Captain S. M. Barling, from Canton, buoy No. B14—B. & S.
Tsinan, British str., 2,100 tons, Captain W. Shau, from Canton, buoy No. B20—B. & S.
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Hop Sang, British str., 1,359 tons, Capt. P. R. Gay Cumming, from Swatow, West Point Wharf—J. M. & Co.

Kaying, British str., 1,572 tons, Capt. P. J. Green, from Amoy, buoy No. B21—B. & S.

Kronviken, Norwegian str., 1,519 tons, Captain T. Kvamme, from Swatow, Taikoo Dock—Wallen & Co.

Marosa, Norwegian str., 889 tons, Captain Abrahamson, from Bangkok, buoy No. C1—Wing Fung Loong.

Morioka Maru, Japanese str., 3,095 tons, Captain M. Sumi, from Sakito, buoy No. A2—N.Y.K.

President Cleveland, American str., 8,393 tons, Captain G. W. Yardley, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf—A.M.L.

Szechuan, British str., 1,594 tons, Captain S. M. Barling, from Canton, buoy No. B14—B. & S.

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RANCHI	17,000	5th May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
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Career of Elder.

Elder was born at Glasgow, on March 8, 1824, being the third son of David Elder (1785-1866), who for many years was manager for Robert Napier. Educated at Glasgow High School, he served an apprenticeship to Napier, and at the age of 24 became his chief draughtsman. In 1852, he became a partner with Charles Randolph and thus founded a firm first known as Randolph, Elder and Company, then as John Elder and Company, and latterly as the Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering Company. The partnership lasted till 1868, when Randolph retired. Elder himself died in the following year, at the early age of 45. He had, however, done notable work in connection with the construction of ships and engines and is generally regarded as the chief pioneer of the marine compound engine. When in 1858 his statue in Govan Park was unveiled, it was said "by his many inventions, particularly in connection with the compound engine, he effected revolution in engineering second only to that accomplished by James Watt, and in great measure originated the developments in steam propulsion which has created modern commerce."

In January, 1853, Elder and Randolph took out a patent "for an arrangement of compound engines adapted for the driving of the screw propeller. The engines are vertical, direct-acting and geared. The pistons of the high-and-low-pressure cylinders move in contrary directions, and drive diametrically opposite crankshafts, with a view to the diminution of strain and friction." This patent was followed by others relating to the same subject, and in 1862 Elder secured a patent covering three-cylinder, triple-expansion, and four-cylinder quadruple-expansion engines "for steam of very high original pressure." The first set of engines constructed to the original patent was fitted in the s.s. Brandon, which on trial was found to have a coal consumption of 3½ lb. per i.h.p. per hour. Two years later, the Pacific Steam Navigation Company, whose vessels were employed on the west coast of South America, where coal was expensive, placed an order with the firm for fitting compound engines in the new paddlewheel vessels Inca and Valparaiso. The success of these vessels led to the Lima, Bogota and Callao, of the same company, being sent home to be re-engined with compound engines. Of the work of these ships, Elder gave accounts to

the British Association in 1858 and 1859, and it was stated that the Bogota's coal consumption had been reduced more than 50 per cent. by the alteration. The steam pressure used was only about 25 to 30 lb., and some of the improvement in performance was due to the attention paid to steam jacketing. The success due to compounding, however, was undeniable, and by 1866 Randolph and Elder had built 48 sets of compound engines, 18 for paddle wheels and 30 for screw engines being for ships employed in the Pacific.

While the compound engine thus came into use during the sixties for ships on certain routes, it made but little progress in Atlantic liners or in the ships of the Royal Navy. The City of Rio de Janeiro, engined by Elder, started running to Brazil in 1868, and the following year the National Steamship Company adopted the compound engine for the Italy and Holland running to New York. The same year the Cunard Company used the compound engine in the Batavia and Parthia, and then, from 1870 onwards, practically all trans-Atlantic vessels were fitted with compound engines. The types used were those with the cylinders placed side by side, those with cylinders placed tandem-wise, and those with one high pressure and two low-pressure side by side, which latter appears to have first been used in France. All the engines were vertical. The greatest development of the compound engine was seen in the single-screw vessels Etruria and Umbria of the Cunard Company, which had engines of no less than 14,500 i.h.p., the steam pressure being 110 lb. per square inch. These vessels were built in 1884, and they were the last of a group of Atlantic liners by which the passage was gradually reduced from eight days to less than six days.—Engineering

As the French fear the Chaco is scouring the seas with a strange and unwelcome human cargo, namely, 38 criminals, mostly Poles, Czechoslovaks and Italians who have been expelled from the Argentine as undesirable aliens and set aboard the cruiser in order to be landed at some European port.

No port, however, will have anything to do with such a company of outlaws. The Las Palmas port authorities strenuously objected and Marseillais opposed even more uncompromisingly. Not only was no one allowed on shore from the ship but no one was allowed on board from ashore save as a permanent guest. Thus an unfortunate Marseillais who went on board has been compelled to remain there as the authorities refuse to let him land again.

As the French fear the Chaco's commander might try to land his parcel of undesirables at some lonely point off the coast two torpedo boats have been detached from the Toulon Base to escort the ship so long as it is near French territorial waters.

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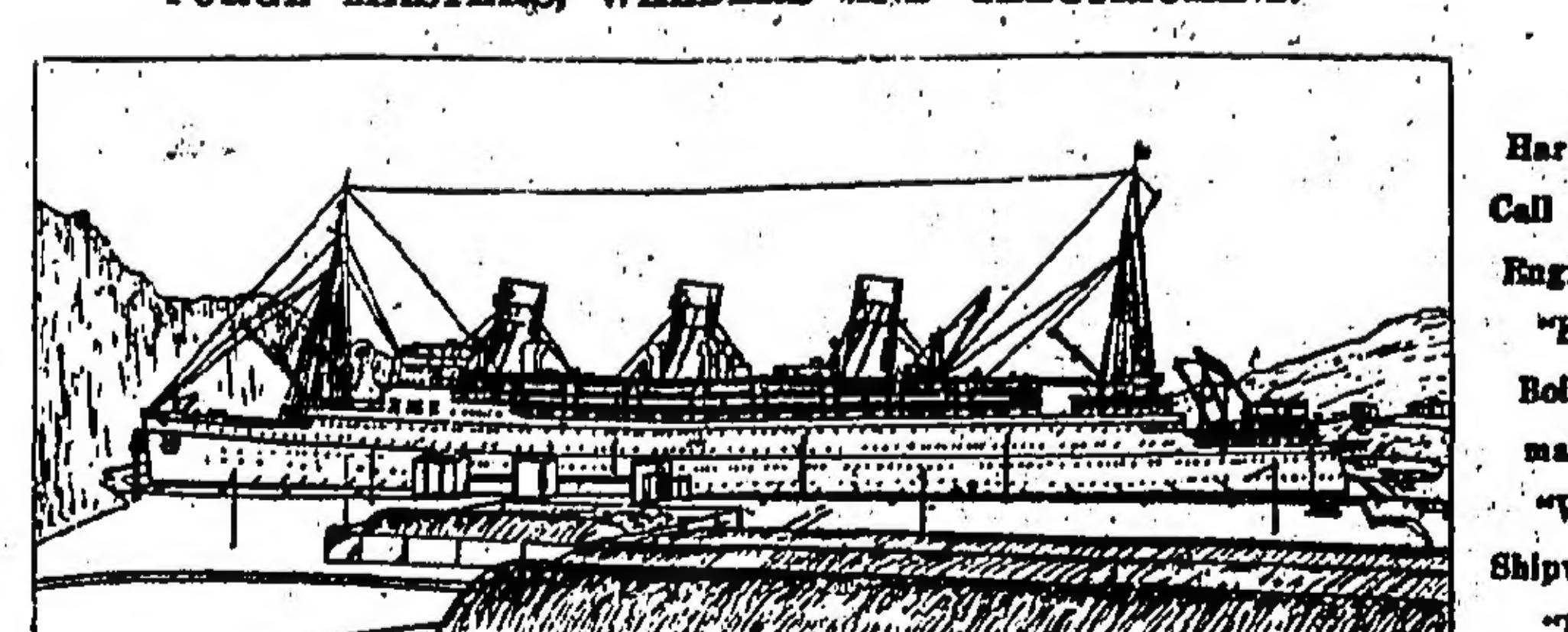
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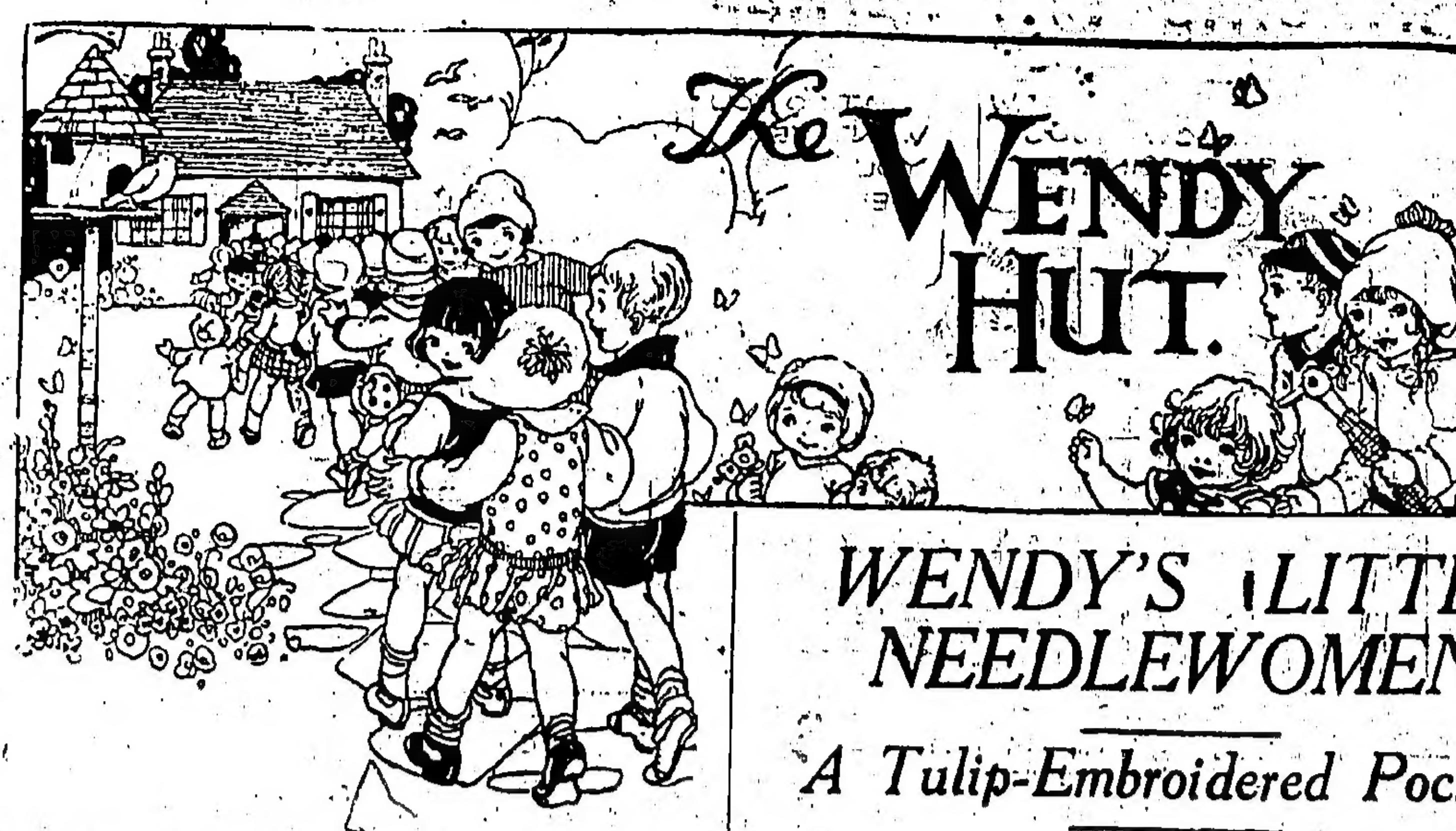
UNWELCOME CARGO ON CRUISER.

Not Allowed to Land 33 Criminals.

Paris, March, 23.

The Argentine auxiliary cruiser Chaco is scouring the seas with a strange and unwelcome human cargo, namely, 33 criminals, mostly Poles, Czechoslovaks and Italians who have been expelled from the Argentine as undesirable aliens and set aboard the cruiser in order to be landed at some European port.

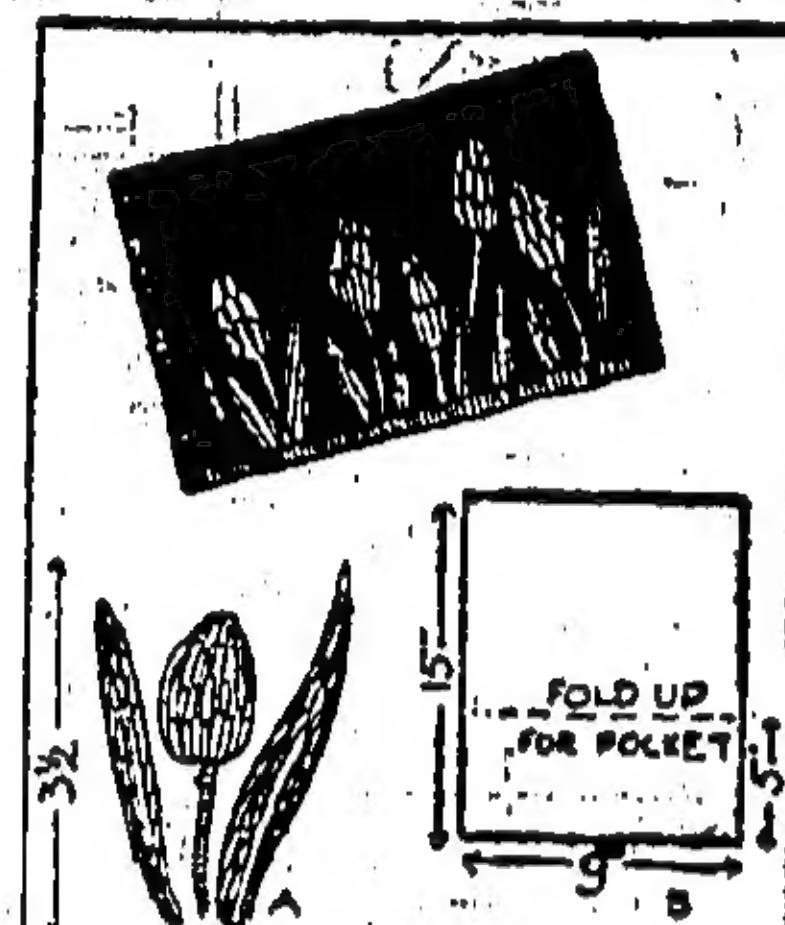
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WENDY'S LITTLE NEEDLEWOMEN.

A Tulip-Embroidered Pochette.

Wouldn't you love to make a pretty pochette with a gay trimming of coloured tulips? Think thoughts would so I'll tell you how to do it.



The tulip-embroidered pochette. Dressmaker tells you how to make one like it.

You'll need a piece of very dark blue or black material, fifteen inches long and nine inches wide; a piece of sateen the same size for the lining; and a piece of buckram or stiff canvas for the interlining. You must get also penny skeins of embroidery-wool, in red, yellow, and bright green,

Like a mad creature he danced round the field, blowing water from the clay pipe and looking at the sky. When he saw a little cloud appear, he grew wilder still, and the people shouted madly.

"I am the rain maker!" he cried, — and he believed that he could induce the rain to fall. "The earth is parched — your children will starve — but I, the rain maker, call you!"

At sunset the rain came. Like a silver sheet it fell upon the exhausted boy lying in the field, and the chiefs carried him home to his father.

"I am Blue Arrow, the rain maker," thought the lad happily. "All my life I will bring rain from the sky for my people, and we will have no famines."

TINK INTRODUCES A NEW POETESS.

A few days ago I had a letter from one of my Wendy Girls, saying pleasant things about our Corner, and asking for a Literature Competition some day. I should think what she really wants is a Poetry Competition, because I'm sure you will agree that she is extraordinarily good at making up verses. She sent me a little poem about the Corner, and, though she didn't ask me to put it in, I take it that she won't mind — because it's really a nice little poem. Here it is. I wonder if you feel the same about the "Wendy Hut"?

"But," whispered the Copper Kettle, who was nearly black through neglect. "Poor Polly Anna is really doing her best you know. It's hard for a little woman like that to be left in charge of the kitchen while her Mother and Cookie are both ill. Let's help her instead, shall we?"

"It's all very well for you," rapped out Toasting-Fork.

for the tulips and leaves; two patent fasteners to close the pochette; and a length of green wool tape for binding the edges.

Diagram B shows you how to hold the cloth, and you will see which portion to embroider — the top end which folds over the lower turned-up edge. Draw the tulip outlines with white chalk, and go over them with white cotton running-stitches, to fix the patterns. Diagram A shows you how the embroidery is done; three or four rows of stem-stitching in green will form each leaf, and the flowers are worked with long-and-short stitches taken close together. If you mix the red and yellow wools, you'll make those jolly Parrot Tulips that look so gay.

Press the work on the wrong side, and tack the two together; finally put the sateen lining on inside when you've finished; then place the buckram on the wrong side of the buckram, and slip-stitch all three together. Bind all the edges with the green wool tape, turn up the bottom end, and sew the double sides together to form the pochette. Stitch patent fasteners to the two corners of the flap and the bottom corners of the pochette.

Wendy's Dressmaker.

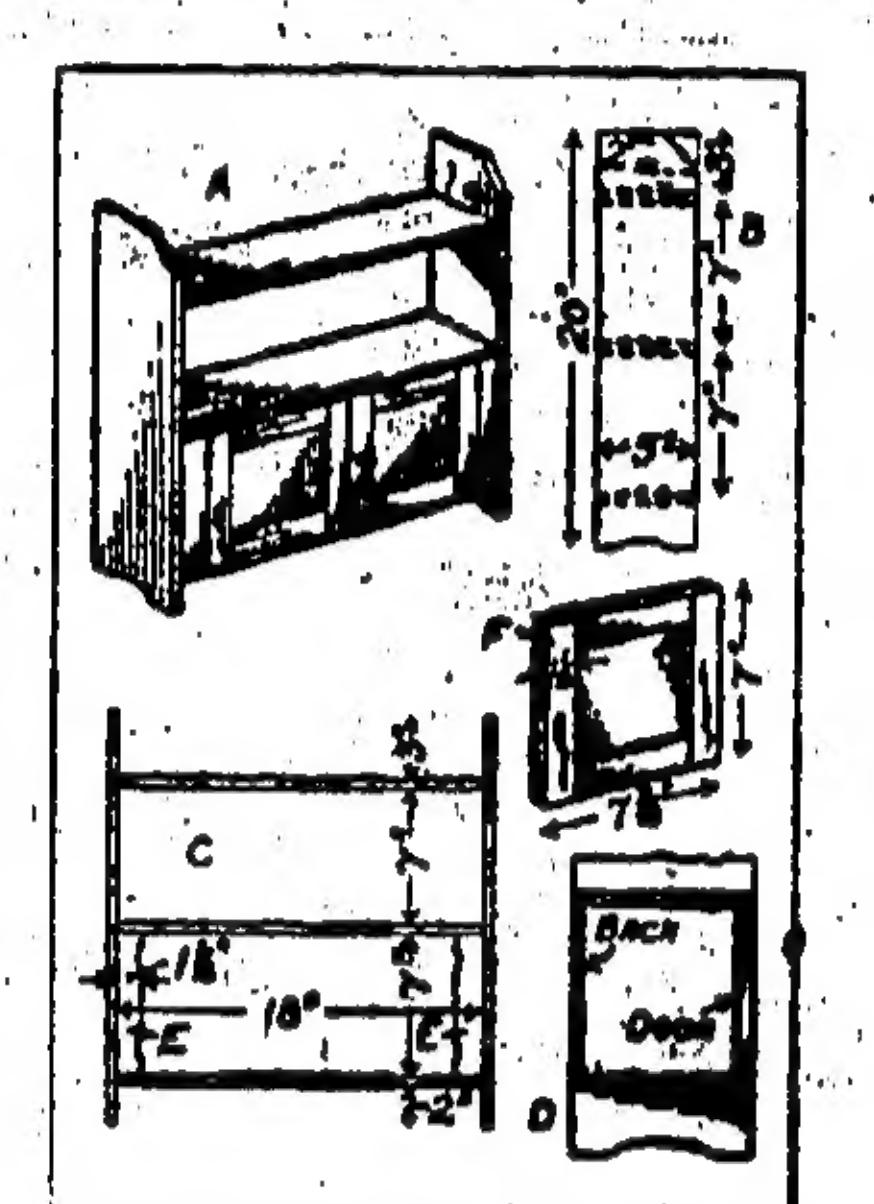
THE BILLY BOYS' WORKSHOP.

Making A Wall Cabinet.

You can make this useful cabinet from packing-case wood, planed to a thickness of three-eighths of an inch. You will notice from the diagrams that the cabinet is twenty inches high and eighteen inches wide.

Cut the two sides to the dimensions given in diagram B; plane the edges square, cut away the top front corners, and, with a pad-saw, cut the curved shape at the bottom of each. With your set-square, mark the positions of the three shelves, as indicated by the dotted lines. See that these lines are in exactly the same positions on the inside face of each side.

For the shelves, cut three pieces of wood eighteen inches long and five inches wide, and plane two of them to a width of four and three-quarter inches. Now nail the sides of the cabinet to the shelves fixing the widest one at the top, and leaving a space of seven inches between, as shown in diagram C.



A wall cabinet like this will be very useful in the house. You can easily make one if you follow Carpenter's instructions.

gram C. The front edges of the two lower shelves should be flush with the front edges of the sides.

Cut the back of the cupboard from a piece of quarter-inch plywood and nail it to the backs of the lower shelves, as indicated in diagram D.

The two side posts for the doors, E.E. must be glued and nailed in place after having shallow slots cut in the inside edges to take the hinges. Use one of the hinges as a guide for marking out these slots, to get them the right width.

To make the doors, cut two pieces of three-ply wood to the sizes given in diagram F. To each piece glue and screw two upright rails and two horizontal rails, cut from three-eighths-inch wood. Use small countersunk screws, insert them through the plywood back into the rails, and see that the points do not come through. With a small plane carefully trim the edges of the doors so that they fit nicely, and then screw them to the hinges. A small latch can be fitted to the left-hand door, and a handle with catch to the other door, as indicated in diagram A.

The finished cabinet can be varnish stained or painted.

The Hut Carpenter.

TINK'S CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

Last week we drew beside the puzzle two letters — RE. But we turned them round, so that they represented the word hidden in the puzzle — RE turned. See? Full solution:

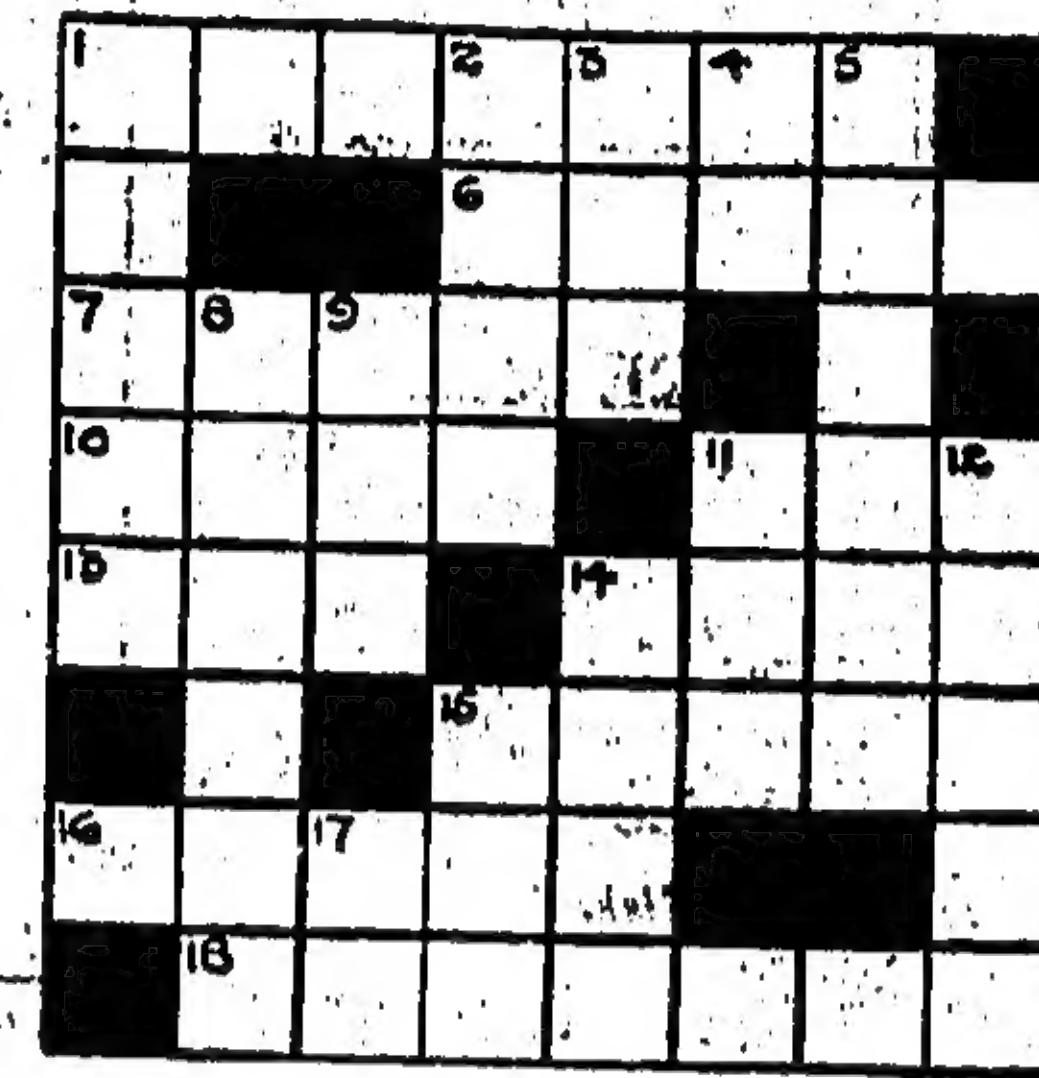
Across.

1. Came to pass	(Happened).
7. A melody	(Tune).
8. Roman numeral for 6	(VI).
9. Short for "right"	(Rt.).
10. Roman numeral for 4	(IV).
11. A continent	(Asia).
13. Hidden word	(Returned).
14. Vegetable	(Leek).
15. Regard with respect	(Esteem).

Down.

1. Flattered over (as a bird)	(Hovered).
2. Short for "pint"	(Pt.).
3. Follow	(Pursue).
4. Whole	(Entire).
5. Compass point	(NE).
6. Broke into parts	(Divided).
11. Book of maps	(Atlas).
12. Joint of foot and leg	(Ankle).

This week you see an object, a number and a letter. I wonder if you can guess what these represent? Try! The name of the thing — two words — is hidden in the puzzle.



Soldier ate it. What is it?

Clues:

1. Shell fish.	Down.
2. Opposite to plain in knitting.	
3. Insect.	
4. Thoroghfare (abbreviated).	
5. Noiseless.	
8. Commander.	
9. Tree.	
11. Skill.	
12. Fashion.	
14. Story.	
15. Danger.	
16. Nothing.	
17. About.	

and took most of my enamel with it, to say nothing of rotted fish and soup and suet puddings!

Why, I was even used to whack a lump of coal the other day, because the hammer wasn't handy, and nicely denting I am in consequence! Yes — we must teach Polly Anna that one thing is for one purpose; that there is a place for everything and everything must be in its place."

"Hush-sh-sh," muttered the Egg-whisk. "I hear footsteps."

The Kitchen Folk were quiet as little mice when Polly Anna came into the kitchen and looked about her.

"I could have declared I heard them talking," she said sleepily to herself. "I remember every word they said. And," she looked around at the dejected little objects. "They're quite right too. I'll clean them up, and hang them on their right hooks, and use them for their right purposes."

No sooner said than done. Polly Anna's sleeves were rolled up, hot water was drawn, and those poor neglected Kitchen Folk had such a spring-clean as they had never had before.

When Polly Anna surveyed them proudly, as they all hung bright and shining on their right hooks, she smiled and said: "I certainly heard them talking!"

"Like a mad creature Blue Arrow danced round the field."

came to Silver Arrow, the celebrated rain doctor, because none of the other rain makers had been able to produce a shower. But Silver Arrow had been ill for weeks, and he knew he was not yet strong enough to go out and get the rain to come, because it was a terribly fatiguing business, and only those full of strength and energy could do it. So when all the chiefs appeared with valuable gifts, Silver Arrow turned to his young son, and told him he must go and make it rain.

"My father — I have never done so great a thing — I may fail," murmured Blue Arrow.

"With courage, and strength, and faith, everything can be accomplished," replied Silver Arrow.

So Blue Arrow promised to try. First he fasted for a whole

day and spoke to nobody; then he went into the field where the maize was dying, and a great company of people followed him.

Throwing off his father's cloak, he began to dance. And, as he danced, he worked himself up into a great state of excitement, and beat on a drum to imitate thunder, and rubbed two sticks together till he made a spark which he said was lightning.

Then he took a clay pipe which was perforated at the end, this he filled with water from a skin bucket, and through the little holes he blew out the water, saying it was rain. But no rain came from the sky, though Blue Arrow continued his dancing and supplications hour after hour.

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EMPIRE DAY 1932

*Products Fair
At Peninsula Hotel
EMPIRE MEALS
Committee Busy Making Arrangements*

Revised arrangements for the proposed Empire Products Fair, to be held in Kowloon on Empire Day, were outlined at a meeting of the Hong Kong Empire Day Committee held, at Government House on Wednesday, under the presidency of Lady Peel. Those present were: — The Hon. Mr. W. H. Bell, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Mrs. E. Cock, Major V. E. Duclos, Mrs. R. M. Dyer, Mr. F. P. Franklin, Mr. Green, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. A. Hicks, Mrs. J. Owen Hughes, Mr. Tang Shiu-kin, Mrs. R. H. Kotewall, Mr. McLaren, Mr. G. P. de Martin, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Mr. J. H. Taggart, the Hon. Dr. Tso, Mrs. A. H. Walker, Mrs. Kinaird Watson, Mr. Williams, and Mr. S. T. Williamson.

The Hon. Mr. Shenton explained the difficulties of holding the Fair on the plot of ground near the Peninsula Hotel, in view of the uncertainty of the weather condition in May, stating that it had, therefore, become necessary to revise the original tentative arrangements.

Mr J. H. Taggart, on behalf of the Directors of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., offered to place at the disposal of the Committee the ground floor of the Peninsula Hotel, together with adjacent corridors, for the purpose of the Fair, explaining the facilities available there, including cold storage and the provision of tea.

The generosity of this offer was commented upon by Lady Peel and other speakers, and the Committee unanimously decided to accept the same.

The Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga outlined the proposed lay out of the Fair, explaining that products from the New Territories and other districts of the Colony would be displayed in the main lobby, while the eastern and western terraces would be devoted respectively to poultry and flowers, and the Cafeteria would be utilised for a display of Dominion products.

These plans were approved by the Committee, and the "Sub-Committee" entrusted with the

H.K. VOLUNTEERS.

Orders of Ensuing Week.

The following orders are issued by Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., Commanding the Corps:—

PARADES.

Battery. There will be a parade for Lewis Gun Instruction and Signalling at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, April 21.

Corps Signals. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19, for Signal Instruction.

Armoured Car Company.

Car Section.—There will be a parade for N.C.O.'s on Monday, 18th instant at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.

Scottish Company.

Parades, Thursday, April 21, 5.30 p.m.

No. 6 Platoon at Kowloon Dock under 2nd Lieut T. P. Sanderson.

No. 7 Platoon at Headquarters under 2nd Lieut. A. W. Brown.

Machine Gun Company.

Members are reminded that with this parade commences another Training Season. New details of various sections will be published shortly.

A.A. L.A. Company.

The A.P.C. Section will parade at 5.30 p.m. at North Point on Thursday, 21st instant.

The Portuguese Section will parade at 5.30 p.m. at Headquarters on Friday, 22nd instant.

The Officers Commanding the undermentioned Units will issue their Orders separately to their Commands:—

1.—Engineer Company.

2.—Machine Gun Troop.

3.—Armoured Car Company.

4.—Portuguese Company.

Annual Course Lewis Gun.

The following have qualified as First Class Gunners and are entitled to wear the appropriate badge for one year:—

No. 9 Platoon.

No. 1483 Pte. F. M. da Silva.

No. 1587 Pte. N. A. Beltrao.

task of making the necessary arrangements was empowered to proceed with the project.

Progress was reported to the Committee in regard to the arrangement of Empire meals on Empire Day in restaurants, hotels and clubs, while arrangements were approved concerning the holding of special church services and also for special essays in the schools on Empire products.

It was also announced that the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock would broadcast an address on the evening of Empire Day, that Mrs. Southorn would be giving a tea-party to Girl Guides and Brownies at Government House, and that His Excellency Major General Sandilands would entertain the Boy Scouts at Flagstaff House.

Several other matters were dealt with, and the Committee adjourned until May 17, with instructions to various sub-committees to push forward the arrangements and report at the next meeting.

These plans were approved by the Committee, and the "Sub-Committee" entrusted with the

No. 1596 Pte. L. G. da Silva.

No. 10 Platoon.

No. 1159 L/Cpl. V. A. Neves.

No. 946 Pte. A. M. B. Rocha.

No. 1429 Pte. L. M. R. Pereira.

No. 11 Platoon.

No. 1249 L/Sgt. J. C. Remedios.

No. 1402 Pte. C. E. Barros.

No. 1434 Pte. L. S. Silva.

No. 12 Platoon.

No. 1428 Pte. H. M. Xavier.

No. 1607 Pte. N. T. Delgado.

No. 1610 Pte. A. C. Castilho.

Extract From Area Orders

No. 302/84/32.

Dress.—Officers and Other Ranks attending the informal dance, to be held by the Society of St. George on April 23, 1932, will wear dinner jackets, black or white.

Range Allotment.

The following is the Range Allotment for the remainder of the Training Season:—

Range.—Peak; 17th: Casuals.

Troop, M. Gun Coy, Rifle; 24th:

Casuals, Portuguese Co., Rifle.

Range—Kennedy Road; 17th:

Casuals, Scottish Coy, Rifle; 24th:

Casuals, All Units, Rifle.

Range—Stonecutters; 17th:

Casuals, Troop, A. Car Sec, M.

Gun; 24th: Casuals, M.M. Gun

Section, Machine Gun Company, M.

Gun.

O.S. C. Units are again reminded that every effort must be made to ensure that every opportunity is taken of the above allotment.

Kennedy Road Range may be used on any evening on application to the Adjutant.

Duties.

No. 1543 Gnr. G. H. Gandy, Battery, assumes the duties of Flight Sergeant to the Flying Section with effect from April 11 vice Cpl. H. Burson (on leave).

Transfer.

No. 1391 Edm. J. M. Xavier, Corp. Band, is transferred to Portuguese Company, No. 12 Platoon.

Promotions and Appointments.

The following of the Machine Gun Troop have been promoted Corporal with effect from 15th instant:—

No. 1446 L/Cpl. A. J. R. Wolf.

No. 1685 L/Cpl. J. H. Davy.

No. 1743 Pte. F. R. Burch, Armoured Car Company, Car Section, appointed Lance Corporal with effect from 15th instant.

Struck Off The Strength.

Having Left the Colony.—No. 878 Pte. W. Paterson, Reserve Company, as from 8.4.32.

Leave.

Lieut. H. Owen-Hughes, No. 1 Platoon, granted 8 months' leave from 9.4.32. to 9.12.32.

Lieut. R. P. Phillips, A.S.C. Cadre, granted 6 months' leave from 7.4.32 to 6.10.32.

No. 468 C.S.M. R.H.G. Charles, M.G. Troop granted 1 month's sick leave from 15.4.32 to 14.5.32.

No. 1684 Tpr. H.S.V. Mossop, M.G. Troop, granted 6 months' sick leave from 15.4.32 to 14.10.32.

No. 1706 Tpr. B. C. Field, M.G. Troop, granted 1 month's sick leave from 15.4.32 to 14.5.32.

NOTICE.

Sergeants' Mess.

Copies of "Mess Rules" are available and can be obtained from the Mess. "Boy" (repeated).

(Sgd.) W. H. G. Goater, Capt., Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

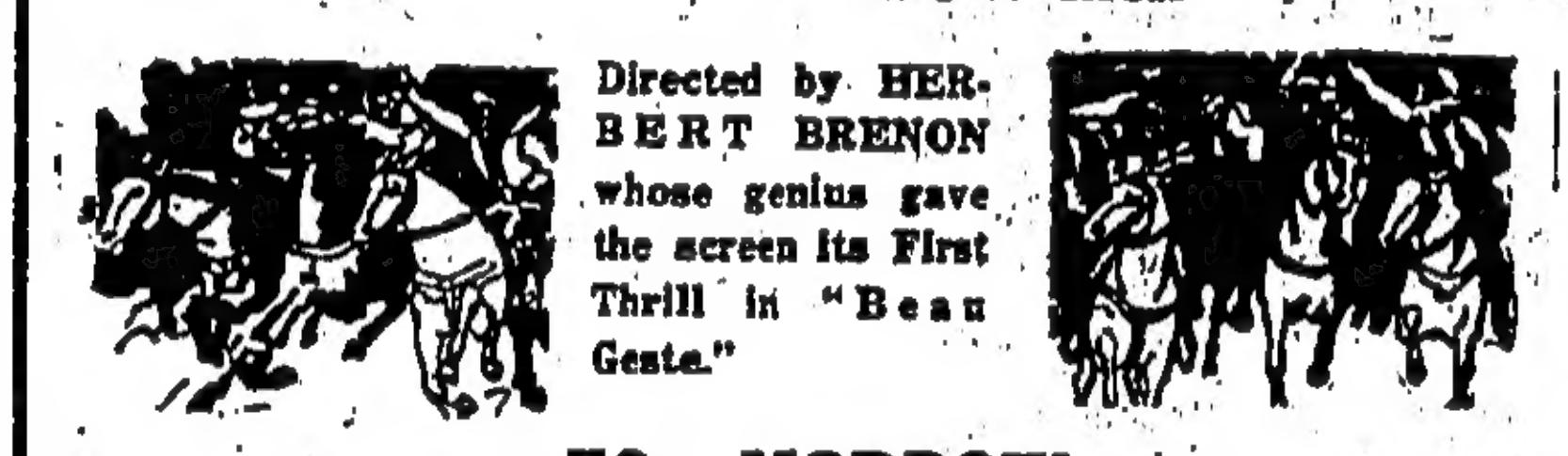
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